UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I STUDENT CAUCUS, 2015-2016
MEETING #5
Saturday, December 5, 2015
University of Hawaii West Oahu, Campus Center C225 (Lecture Room A)

Attendees:
UH Hilo: Melinda Alles & Abraham Jose
Manoa, ASUH: Kelly Zakimi, Roxie Kamoshida
Manoa, GSO: Ed Hoogland
Kapiolani CC: Charessa Fryc
Leeward CC: Rhoda Craig
UH Maui College: Dannette Arrojo, DJ Tavares
UH West Oahu: Ryan Sommer
Windward CC: Kelli Acopan

Advisor Jan Javinar

Guests:
President David Lassner
Michelle Tagorda, BOR Student Regent

I. OPENING
Meeting opened at 9:01 am by Chairperson Mindy Alles.

II. DISCUSSION: DR. DAVID LASSNER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I

A. UH HILO
1. What is next step because RIO group is in violation of the RIO policy (RP7203), also an issue at HAWCC because they claim to represent all of HAWCC and UHH
   a) Response: if not getting satisfaction from advisor, VC for students, Chancellor, next step is going to Jan who will talk to President.
   b) President was in Hilo 2 days, was clearly an issue. If in violation of charter, charter gets pulled but doesn’t stop group of students with or without charter from behaving in lawful manners. Can still claim to be student union.
   c) Jan: freedom of association - any group of students that want to operate on campus can do so as long as stay within the rules of the campus. Issue is that you cannot just pull their charter because they say they want to represent students. Not so much legit or not legit, but how to deal with them.
   d) Did they comply with application? They cannot represent UH. Cannot speak for university.

2. Also, no UHHS A advisor. Vice Chancellor and Chancellor refuse to meet with UHHS A and won’t allow meetings until an advisor is in place. Not in constitution/bylaws that advisor needs to be in place to have meetings, but Vice Chancellor said it was non-written agreement made.
B. LEEWARD CC
   1. Transfer to UHM, status as class ranking based purely on credit. A transfer
      student in their first semester is not treated same as continuing Manoa junior even
      though by credit, they are the same. Continuing Manoa junior feels like they’ve
      earned place in queue, preference over other incoming students.
      a) The ‘Transfer Network’ – people who are supposed to make it work better
         for students. Existing programs differ by campus.

C. UH WEST OAHU
   1. TMT recent developments:
      a) Supreme Court said permit issued by DLNR was improper. Concept
         under Hawaii law called “Contested Case,” parties who feel they have a
         stake in a particular action by the state have under the law, the ability to
         request a contested case, more judicial than hearing. Way handled permit
         was approved, but not acted on until after contested case. Conditional
         permit not should have been issued. Contested case first and then dealt
         with permit. Not decision on TMT but on action to get the permit. Board
         of DLNR thought by making permit conditional on completion of
         contested case hearing was enough to abide by due process.

D. UH MAUI COLLEGE
   1. Maui College stipend – They pay for advisor $5,000 per semester, now paying
      $1,200 contingent on every student taking leadership course. Student
      Government to pay for credits, as well as award Executives $600 and members$400.
      School is trying to shift stipend into tuition for class senators don’t want to
      take. Vice Chancellor and Chancellor wants SG to take a 2 credit course and cut
      stipend and are telling SG that they have to do this, no choice between credit and
      stipend. Students should have right to make decision between credit and stipend.
      Course = credit and 160 stipend, no course 400 stipend.

   2. How to request new chancellor?
      a) Once SG figures out main issues, ask to sit down with chancellor to talk
         about main issues. Chancellor doesn’t have availability to meet SG
         multiple times.
      b) Chain of command:
         (I) 7CC (including Maui) chancellors report to John Morton, VP for
           CC’s for system, who reports to President Lassner. UH Maui
           College is a college that is part of the community college system.
           Distinction is that Maui is a college vs a university, essentially it is
           a CC that offers a small number of applied 4-year baccalaureates.
           Name change didn’t change mission statement, more of a hybrid
           campus.

E. UH MANOA
   1. ASUH received student complaint of course fees. Fees not sufficiently supplying
      necessary items for labs. Fees don’t go directly to course but into pot.
      a) Go first to Chancellor, according to policy, fees should be going directly
         into course. About 20% of tuition goes into pot for financial aid, but don’t
         believe that’s true about course fees.
F. Questions from President Lassner

1. Consensual Relationships Policy
   a) Caucus discussed at last meeting. No opposition but request for training and advertisement. Grad students in-between.

2. Off campus council campus chairs
   a) Faculty from one campus objected to system having Associate VP of Student Affairs. Argument was system doesn’t need it because system has no students.
   b) Responsibility of Associate VP of Student Affairs - Coordination of service, financial audits, scholarships, recent veterans who got tuition at resident rates, also does a lot of policy stuff. Provides technical assistance to campus student affair people, convene meetings for functional groups.
   c) No Associate VP, possibly no advisor to caucus. Important for someone who oversees and overarching all things and brings to president.

3. Ombuds – present to the Council of Chancellors.

4. Student Voice
   a) About 200-220 people executive managerial level, evaluation process each year evaluated by supervisor. This year, invited consultative groups to provide direct input in addition to standard 360 process. Faculty and executive process different because of faculty union, executives non-union. Caucus not targeting faculty. UPA faculty union started its own independent evaluation of administrators. As we progress, clarify issue.

5. OER
   a) President in full support. Faculty have close to unlimited discretion on course materials. Student voice important to push faculty towards OER. President has meeting in January with faculty, suggestion to invite Dr. Hae Okimoto to come. Case to be made that not only free but great resource.

6. Affordability
   a) Students (mostly CC but not exclusively) that are homeless/hungry. Food and housing biggest concerns, mainly at CC. Suggestion to start food program at campuses. Campuses that have AG related programs have opportunities to grow food. Would be good if there was opportunity for students to grow food, take Home EC classes.
   b) Uh impact tuition and fees, housing, managing financial aid, Pell Grant for CC students covers almost complete cost but same can’t be said for University/4-year students. UH has low number of people who graduate with debt.

G. Takeaway:

1. Bills - 2 bills about tech transfer and how to support innovation agenda better, res for SOEST submerged lands of the state so SOEST continue to run research vessels. Rule process outside of BOR policy taking 18 months, university system
run own financial system instead of state system.

2. Operating budget – pragmatic – used to ask 50-100mill. No way going to get that much. 16mil request this year – athletics, cancer center, money appropriated for extension agents, innovation, compliance functions. Metrics all around student success, about graduating and transferring students. Increasing number of graduates – Pell recipients, stem, Hawaiian. Increasing number of transfer students. Incentive both sides ccs sending and 4years receiving. Advocacy (Title IX last year). Whatever Legislature doesn’t fund on Operational budget side gets funded out of tuition. High priority is deferred maintenance and modernizing facilities. Have close to $2 Billion in construction to be done in the next 10 years. Preference is Legislature to fund. New tuition (increase enrollment) vs cutting existing program expenses. Caucus can support by pushing Legislature and saying we need modern facilities.

   a) Current tuition cycle ends 2017. Talks for next tuition cycle next year spring, approve in the fall. 5-6 year schedule, mid-course correction/ review to evaluate how it impacted affordability. Major sources of funding Legislature and tuition. Approved Fall 2016 to be put in place Fall 2017.

   b) Stability of appropriation per capita has gone down more in Hawaii than other states, we sit 45-50th. Going back 10 years, tuition went up close to 15%. Need to figure out financial model that works. Leg Tend to appropriate for things they’re interested in.

   (1) GSO request for study to be done regarding lower enrollment.

III. PRESENTATION: STEPHANIE KIM – DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICE FOR SYSTEM

   A. Legislative process – the more experience, the better.
   B. Every election cycle, half of the senate up for election. House, everyone up for election at the same time
   C. Slide with total number of bills and resolutions – numbers in () dealt with UH directly or indirectly
   D. Difference between bill and concurrent resolution: Bill something that mandates, resolution requests something.
   E. Tracking of bills – we can create own tracking list on capitol website
   F. Money attached to the bill – goes to subject matter first then Finance/Ways and Means
   G. First reading - Single referral (i.e. just ED), joint referral (i.e. ED, then AG, then Finance). Single referral faster to clear and pass, but single referral multiple people able to say no and kill.
   H. Third reading biggest discussion. If you vote no at third reading, then you won’t have a seat at table during conference. If vote yes with strong reservations, then will have seat at table during conference.
   I. Get to know the staff. If you make appointment and Legislator gets called away or cannot meet with you it’s okay, talk to the legislator’s aide.
   J. Testimony – speak in your own voice. Talking points are awesome but also include the why you’re supporting this or why it’s important. Keep testimony short and concise. Resubmitting testimony with updates, put updates at the beginning because they think testimony the same as previous submissions. If you have amendments, then you can
attach substantive language to the one-page testimony, which is the only time you’re really encouraged to submit multiple pages.

K. Subject matter committees - you sit at table and highlight testimony points.
L. Money committees don’t go to the table. Introduce self, state position, sit down.

IV. CAMPUS SHARING
A. GSO
   1. Monthly coffee hours very successful, about 50 students attending
   2. OMBUDS office should be reopened in Spring 2016
   3. 20 bathrooms designated gender neutral
   4. Next Thursday will be voting on a resolution to oppose a student fee increase for the athletic department. ASUH survey showed that 78% of students oppose an increase to the student athletic fee. 905 students 25% of grad students, good survey of students.

B. Kapiolani CC
   1. No challenges other than participation, wanted to pass resolution but only half of senate showed up at last meeting
   2. RIO club day, got new members to sign up for congress and looking at meeting with them so they can join student congress
   3. Big issue committees – student union renovation, want to create student activity center and coffee shop on campus, having lot os meetings and good outcomes with student union renovations.
   4. Will working on OMBUDS for Spring to get that going on campus, haven’t run into any problems on that yet

C. UH Manoa
   1. Survey results in the day before Thanksgiving, use the break to formulate stance on it. 78% strongly against or against raise in athletic fee
   2. Passed resolution at last meeting supporting more sustainability
   3. Roxy drafted OMBUDS resolution
   4. Mahalo Manoa event for Thanksgiving - served 500 plates of food to students
   5. Merger of 2 colleges – arts and sciences umbrella merger between arts and humanities and langauges, linguistics and literature.
   6. Planning electHER again to increase women in SG, 3rd year of holding event Saturday march 12th training

D. Leeward CC
   1. Wellness fair, different food vendors success, kickboxing classes
   2. Surveys for bike path between Pearl Harbor and LCC
   3. Chancellor working to fix potholes, fix limited parking situation
   4. Meeting with Head Librarian for OER, gave a lot of good ideas for each campus
   5. Collecting food for food bank, extended through December

E. Hawaii CC
   1. Elections done, new student leader
   2. Interim chancellor Joni Onishi
F. UH Maui College
   1. Thanksgiving luncheon for students, 320 students attend, had thanksgiving lunch
   2. Focusing on some advocacy issues – students issue with not having enough classes for them to graduate, trying to find a way for more classes offered. Labs not offered during spring semester, don’t know why. Students complaining because need class + lab but no lab offered.
   3. 5th annual holiday celebration for students with children and children in community this coming Thursday good to promote advocacy on campus and within community

G. Windward CC
   1. Held Thanksgiving event, served kalua pig, rice and haupia lunch to about 300 students, faculty and staff, plans to host event for night students during the last week of instruction.
   2. Established food pantry, promoted within faculty, staff, students, and RIO clubs.
   3. Was invited to breakfast with the BOR, discussed issues such as affordability – raising minimum wages for student employment, pushing more slots for work study on campus, more scholarships instead of taking money to payout faculty; stalled construction on campus and trying to increase enrollment, yet at the same time, our inability to house students and classes.

H. UH West Oahu
   1. Resolution to support Olivera for Student Affairs Vice Chancellor, and Ching for interim Chancellor
   2. Lending initiative finished its first semester, see stats whether to promote more and put in more money
   3. Bus shelter - met with school architect to create safe shelter for students especially at night
   4. 2 voting members for all committees, hiring committees as well.

I. UH Hilo
   1. Still no advisor, no administrative support, still cannot meet. Had meeting last night in order to adapt new senate rules in attempt to appoint advisor. Interviews for advisor candidates unsuccessful, candidates did not meet standard and will be reopening search over break
   2. Members resigned, went from 14 to 8
   3. Major event Oh Hell week – UHHS has computer labs open and food available for safe study space and free printing
   4. Redoing constitution and bylaws
   5. USU still having same issues.

V. BREAK FOR LUNCH

VI. ACTION AGENDA
   A. Made amendments to October and November Minutes, no objections, minutes stand as amended.
   B. Duane treasure January – May 2016 pending HawCC approves him to stay as delegate.
      1. Mindy to get Duane in touch with Val to transfer data and forms. Jan to start sending emails.
C. Carol retired, Jan single handedly managing, may be slight delays. Travel requests going in ASAP because turnaround time taking longer. Jan may not be there after December in current position as advisor.

D. January training – campus center meeting rooms at UHM. Not able to house everyone on campus in student housing. Only able to get 6 rooms to cover. Difficulty is having to house everyone depending on purpose of training. Also looking at long term.

E. Purpose of January training – resolution writing, testimony writing
   1. First day specific to writing, next day leg session prep and tackle issues coming up and pre-writing for issues coming up. Go to capitol for on-site tour and training, meet with former members who are now legislators.
   2. Second day get into skill building, workshop and training
   3. Friday start – 7, Saturday start – 0, Everyone else no preference.
      a) January 22\textsuperscript{nd} 2016 Friday at Manoa – January 23\textsuperscript{rd} 2016 Saturday at Leeward CC
      b) Wait to send in travel until dates confirmed.

F. Legislative committee
   2. Monitor – Kelli A, Ryan
   3. Testifiers – Bret, Kelly Z, Kelli A, Will?

VII. SMALL GROUPS

A. OMBUDS
   1. Council of Chancellors meeting Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} 1-4p (structure our training around meeting) at Manoa
   2. Starting on presentation – outline, just shared on docs with Ryan, Will, and Ed so they can start working on it for the 22\textsuperscript{nd}. Will share with entire Caucus for input.

B. OER
   1. Group to present to OER to All Campus Council of Faculty Chairs, Friday January 15\textsuperscript{th} 9-11am in IT building at Manoa
   2. Talked about what to include in presentation
      a) Brief overview of OER, Benefits of use
      b) Rhonda - student testimonial – librarians already presented to faculty, students to present on more emotional level
      c) Recommended core classes to get foundation of OER
   3. Timeline starting powerpoint 1\textsuperscript{st} week of break, finalizing Fri Jan 8\textsuperscript{th} (week before presentation), will get together week of and rehearse
   4. Will to forward finalized presentation

C. Affordability
   1. focus on food banks/food pantry, individual campus initiatives
   2. Give people reason – data points. Need to look at cost of food per month per a student’s budget. $263 per month for first half of Honolulu. What are some other factors that affect cost of living? Relieve stress of cost of living by providing. Is it cost of food or poor budgeting?
   3. What would be instructions for creating food pantry?

D. Student Voice –
I. Schedule appointment with President Lassner (via secretary Amy Luke) to get his reactions preferably by next caucus

VIII. WRAP-UP
A. Michelle - Last BOR meeting – how can the board better service the students. Try to plan a Q&A with students. Any campus not on BOR meeting schedule, would invite regents to meet with campus government.
B. Watch email for update for Jan 22/23 training

Meeting adjourned at 2:37p